(d)	Year		Trees
	1970—71	...	33,922
	1971—72	...	33,792
	1972—73	...	44 778

(e) The welfare of the tappers is as much the concern of the State as the welfare of the other weaker and vulnerable section of the public. It is open to the tappers to avail of the welfare measures that are currenly afforded by all Departments of Government.

(f) Yes.

(g) Action is being taken separately.

CUTTING OF TIMBER WOOD IN FOREST AREA

552. SRI K. N. VEERAPPA GOWDA (Sringeri).—Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to state.

(a) the extent of land unauthorisedly cultivated in S.No. 3 of Yesaralu village in Sringeri taluk ;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the timber wood has been cut and removed from that ares ;

(c) whether the permit has been issued by the Government in this behalf ;

(d) if not, the resaons why such large scale cutting of timber wood has not come to the notice of the Government :

(e) whether action has been taken in respect of the letter addressed to the Government in this behalf ;

(f) whether the timber wood has been valued and whether the same has been recovered from the concerned :

(g) whether the value of the timber wood would be recovered at the same rates prevailing in the adjoining forest area ?

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests.—

(a) No encroachment has taken place in S. No. 3, Yesaralu Village, SringeriTaluk, Chikamagalur District,

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to question (a).

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise,

(e) Not come to the notice of the Department.

(f) Dees not arise.

(g) Does not arise.